



Zero Waste Vashon (ZVV) is a non-profit organization and is 100% volunteer driven. Our goal is to inspire the Vashon and Maury Island communities to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rethink." by turning waste into resources.

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### King County Awards ZVV Re+ Seed Grant for Reuse Facility Study



We are excited to announce that Zero Waste Vashon has one of 13 projects that have been chosen for the King County Solid Waste Division's Re+ Seed Grant. The \$10,000 grant covers a feasibility study for a reusable building materials facility on island. Our goal is to determine if and how this facility can be realized on Vashon. This has been a 2-year research

project by our Reuse committee. Initial findings have shown promise and strong community support. Now we want to figure out the best way to make this happen. [King County Re+ grants](#)

A reuse facility will help save good windows, doors, cabinets, plumbing and electrical fixtures, etc. from the landfill. There currently is no construction waste collection at the Vashon transfer station. Our goal is to divert these still valuable products from the landfill and return them back to the community for a new life in greenhouses, coops, tiny homes, remodels, and some cool art.

The primary focus of the grant is business plan development that models possible scenarios available to islanders. It will also cover quantification studies, a reuse collection event around Earth Day, location research, a contractor survey, and a community meeting discussing the results by this summer. If study's results are positive, Zero Waste Vashon will help sponsor this new entity to get it started. This is a community project and a team effort. Volunteers are needed to help with the event planning. If you would like to participate, or have some ideas for locations, please get in touch with us at: [reuse@zerowastevashon.org](mailto:reuse@zerowastevashon.org).

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### Let's Continue Cleaning Up Vashon Beach Tires

ZVV will be partnering again with Vashon Rotary on this year's Epic Day of Service Beach Tire Event on May 16, 2026. Please contact [Steven.bergman@zerowastevashon.org](mailto:Steven.bergman@zerowastevashon.org) with beach tire locations and if you would like to volunteer with beach tire liberation from the sand,

collection and transport to Jensen Point Park during the two months prior to the event.



Here is the culmination of a month's efforts and the 2025 Epic Day Cleanup -127 tires and lots of beach trash.



### Save the Date!

Microplastics are everywhere, literally. But what are they doing to our bodies and what can we do to avoid them?

Choose Plastic Free, a subgroup of Zero Waste Vashon, is partnering with Vashon Youth and Family Services to host a talk about the health risks of plastic. Our speaker will be Dr. Sheela Sathyanarayana, a Children's Hospital pediatrician who is conducting research on the health implications of plastic. She will share her knowledge of how plastics are affecting the human body as well as providing advice on how to minimize exposure for our children and ourselves.

The event will be held Sunday, April 12 from 2-4. Location is yet to be determined, so please stay tuned to the ZWV website, Facebook and posters around town for updates.

### The Dish Library for Your Next Party

Make your party plans for Zero Waste with the Vashon Dish Library!

The Vashon Dish Library has been open since June 2025 and has already hosted over 45 events. We've got a great assortment of reusable linens and dishware to help you make your events waste free. You can browse our inventory and reserve items here: <https://dishlibrary.myturn.com/library/>



## Volunteers Needed

We have a wonderful (but small) group of volunteers and could really use some more! It's easy to help and you can do it from home on your own schedule. Please reach out here if you've got a little time to keep this great Island resource going: [Dishlibrary@zerowastevashon.org](mailto:Dishlibrary@zerowastevashon.org)

We are often asked about donations. What we could use most right now are glasses and wine glasses. If you've got some to donate, please contact us.

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## Tip of the month

**Diaper Data** - Cloth diapers could save 7.6 billion lbs of waste a year. Disposables for one baby for one year create 1,000 lbs of waste and use 300 lbs of wood, 50 lbs of petroleum, and 20 lbs of chlorine. They contain the carcinogen Dioxin and toxins harmful to both babies and the environment. And the per year cost for cloth diapers, reusable for another baby, is only about \$400, far less than the \$1,000 for disposables.

<https://www.besteveraba.com/blog/diaper-facts-statistics>

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Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, and board members who contribute to the ongoing success of Zero Waste Vashon!

If you are interested in volunteering, getting involved, donating to ZWV, or simply have a question, let us know - we are here to help!



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